

MAN'S CHIVALRY FAILS WOMAN IN TEXAS WHEN SHE ASKS SUFFRAGE

Representative R. F. Burges Gives History of Woman's Fight in Texas for Ballot and her Legal Rights—Says "a Democrat Would Rather Die by Precedent Than Be Saved by Innovation."

"THE action of the men of our legislature who opposed the woman's rights bill and who later opposed the equal suffrage amendment has disproved the argument advanced by opponents of woman's suffrage that man's chivalry will give to women all that she needs and more than she would ask for herself."

Richard F. Burges, in a lecture Thursday night under the auspices of the Equal Franchise League, told the story of the woman's fight for the ballot in Texas. He said that in 1845, when Texas was admitted to the Union, she was one of the few states in the Union that gave no vote to women.

Up to two years ago a married woman had no right to any property that she may have owned, her husband had the right to her property and she was not allowed to collect her husband's debts. Neither was any money which she may have earned by her own industry and work hers to spend, but her husband's, and if her employer, or her house tenant, paid her, the husband had the right to collect the money again on the grounds that it was paid to an unauthorized agent.

If she had any money, given her by her parents, or inherited or received in other ways and deposited it in the bank, her husband had the right to withdraw it from the bank and spend it as he pleased without her knowledge or consent.

"This is by the way still the law of the state of New York, so the west is not hopelessly behind in civilization after all. This was the law of the state of Texas in spite of the masculine chivalry of the state, until the 33d legislature met in 1913, yet when it was proposed to amend these laws, we were told from the floor of the house by the man who was the leading suffrage amendment opponent, 'that if the right to retain their own earnings and money was given to the married women the farmers' wives might expect foolishly the money they earned, for fancy patent churns.'"

When the voting on the suffrage amendment occupied the house, I consulted the record and found that of 20 men who opposed the amendment, the suffrage amendment, 18 had also earnestly opposed the married woman's property rights law.

Mr. Burges said he had come to favor woman's suffrage only after much thought. "A Democrat would rather die by precedent than be saved by innovation. I have always tried to keep a reasonable mind in all questions concerning public duty," he said. "I endeavored to decide on the suffrage question as impartially as on any other question of public duty. No man I ever heard discuss it in a public speech ever advanced intelligent reason why woman's suffrage should not be given to women."

"The opponents of suffrage advance the argument that suffrage is not a right, but a privilege. Yet in our declaration of independence it explicitly states that 'all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.' If this be true, and I believe it is, then whenever we slings out one class and withhold from another class the right to be heard on fundamental governmental questions, we contradict our declaration of independence and our constitution."

"The opponents of woman's suffrage also object on the grounds that the women themselves do not want to vote. A very brilliant woman once said this to me. 'I told her she was confusing the suffrage amendment with the compulsory education law, also at that time under consideration and that the suffrage would not be compulsory. She immediately answered, 'Well, if every other woman had the right to vote I certainly would vote too.'"

"Another argument against equal suffrage for women in the state of Texas is that it will enfranchise 200,000 negro women, but if 500,000 negro women of Texas receive the franchise, this law will accomplish for them something that no law has been able to accomplish for their husbands, fathers and sons."

"When the question of the enfranchisement of women is viewed dispassionately, the plain fact is that one-half of the population desires to deny to the other half the right to have a voice in the laws under which they all are governed. The world would go on just the same if for instance only brown-eyed men should be allowed to exercise the franchise, but if such a ruling were to be made I venture to say there would be at least a mild protest from the blue-eyed men."

"The history of the struggle of the world for suffrage, not only of women, but for the wider extension of suffrage, that has been fought for all over the world during the last century and a half, all of the opposition raised by those who held the voting power, against those who desired that power, was on the grounds that those who wanted to vote were seeking to pull down about their foolish heads the temple of civilization."

"It is a fact, amply proved by the history of the last 100 years, that every class to whom suffrage has been extended has improved its own condition. The census shows that there are 238,000 women earning their own livelihood."

"Speakers in opposition to equal suffrage have attempted to divert the attention from the main and vital issue, by depicting an ideal condition, where the woman is happily married, and surrounded by loving children and husband and too interested in these to have time for such things."

Yet in the complex conditions of our modern civilization, conditions arise every year that vitally affect the home, household and children, and the woman—conditions that which she would be interested enough to take the time to vote to improve conditions."

"In spite of this home and children picture, the fact arises nevertheless, that more and more women are forced every year to earn their own living in competition with men. I am a loyal Texan and do not wish to speak in disparagement of the male population of this commonwealth, but the fact remains that until a few years ago when the married woman's property rights bill gave her a meager measure of justice, the laws on the statute books proved that this much talked of chivalry was an unsubstantial and an undesirable thing."

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"The argument most raised by the opponents is that enfranchisement would defeminize women. As early as 1848 the commonwealth of Kentucky gave the right to its women to vote on school issues. They have enjoyed this right for 67 years yet I believe that no one would say that the women of Kentucky were not still feminine in their character. In 1869 the then territory of Wyoming extended universal suffrage to women. It has been in that state, and I could not find that the women have been defeminized by the right to vote."

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End-of-the-Week Specials at the "Popular"

After Supper Sale 6 to 8:30

Toilet Goods

Pebeco Tooth Paste.....29¢
Limit One
One lb. box Talcum Powder 10¢
Limit Two
Dentoseptic Tooth Brushes, all sizes.....10¢
Limit Two

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ALL DAY SPECIALS
Pozzoni's Face Powder.....35¢
Sempere Giovine.....35¢
One lb. box 20 Mule Team Borax.....9¢
Sanitol Tooth Paste and Powder.....15¢
Newbro's Herpeside.....69¢
Packer's Tar Soap.....17¢
Reigers and Lazells Bulk Perfume.....29¢
Lehn & Finks Talcum Powder 17¢

RIBBON SPECIALS

Four to six inch brocade and jacquard effects in hair bow ribbon; black, white and the most wanted color combination. 15¢
Six to eight inch brocade hair bow and sash ribbon in odd patterns and matched designs, in white, pink and light blue; Saturday special, yard.....35¢

VEIL SPECIAL

Full size novelty hemstitched chiffon veils and white, plain colors and two tone effects; formerly priced up to \$4. Saturday special.....1.75

NEW BELTS

Suede and patent leather; 1 to 3 inches wide; in the seasons shades, including sand, putty, battleship grey, Belgium blue and black and white combinations. 25¢ to.....1.00

HANDKERCHIEFS

Women's hemstitched shamrock lawn initial handkerchiefs; plain or colored border; Saturday special, each.....3¢
Pure linen hemstitched handkerchiefs in a variety of dainty embroidered designs; white and colored borders; values to 35¢—each.....15¢

Neckwear Specials

Novelty Spring and Summer neckwear made of dainty lace, nets, chiffons, organdie; instead of 75¢—choice.....50¢
—Women's lace and net guimpes and chemisettes in white, cream and ecru; high or low neck 35¢ kind; Saturday special.....19¢

Glove Specials

Women's 15 button length suede like gloves in white only; a full range of sizes. 39¢
Extra special.....
Kayser's 16 Button length extra quality silk gloves with double finger tips; embroidered; and tucked; special value.....1.00

Men's Store

THESE EXTRA SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY SELLING
SHIRTS—With neat striped collar attached; coat style, Special value at.....50¢
MEN'S PURE SILK FINE-IN-HAND TIES—35¢ grade.....25¢
NIGHT GOWNS—Of soft finished nanook; instead of 75¢—Saturday special.....59¢
THE "POPULAR" SILK FIBRE HALF BOOTS—35¢ kind; 6 pair; \$1.40 SELECT YOUR NEW
Hart Schaffner & Marx
Rogers Peet Company
or "Fitform" Suit
TODAY—NEWEST MODELS.
PRICES \$18.00 to \$40.00.

The Adjutant--New

The Last Word in Military Footwear For Women.
Women who care for real style and know style when they see it will be interested in these new military boots which have just arrived. They are made of allover putty kid with tips, foxing and stays of blue kid—with heels covered with putty kid. One of the most striking combinations we have ever shown. Something really extreme but just what fashionable dressers are demanding. Just being shown in the east and there an instant favorite—see them here tomorrow—pair.....\$9.00

The Imperial Guard

Women's blue kid boot—\$9.00 with gilt trimmings, a pair.....
The West Point
Women's boots—combination of patent leather and putty kid, a pair.....\$8.50

Basement Specials Saturday

Petticoats 59¢
Women's black percaleine petticoats of splendid quality. Made full skirt and deep accordion pleated flounce. As an extra special in our Basement 59¢ Saturday.....

The Cossack Boot

Blue kid boot—with patent leather cuffs—See these.....\$15 a pair.....
Military Lace Boots
In combinations of patent and gunmetal, a pair.....\$5 & \$6

Aprons for 25c

Maids and nurses white lawn aprons. French shoulder straps and hemstitched deep hem. As a Saturday special in our Basement—Your choice.....25¢

Our windows reflect the newest style feature of the present season. Make it a point to see them every day.

Striking Values in New Dresses

At \$13.75 and \$25---Less Than Expected Prices



FEATURING \$13.75 AND \$25.00 SUITS

The enormous variety beggars description. Surely if you are in need of a suit you cannot well afford to make a selection before seeing the infinite number of styles and the matchless values offered at the "Popular." Silk suits of chiffon taffeta and beautiful brocade silks, developed in Belgium blue, black, sand, putty and other shades. Gabardines, wool failles and mannish checks and mixtures. Sizes for every woman; matchless suit values for this week-end event, \$13.75 and \$25.

EXTRAORDINARY SATURDAY DRESS SPECIAL

Beautiful Silk Afternoon and Evening Dresses—just arrived. Messaline and taffetas; some with chiffon waist; all newest colors. Values up to \$20—Extra Saturday Special.....\$8.95

Blouse News For Saturday

Every day the blouse section introduces one or more new styles, but tomorrow it will have a real end-of-the-week party. Many new styles will be shown in beautiful silks and spring cottons. Fine crepe de chine in flesh, pink and white. Dainty linen blouses with mannish collar. White batiste blouses with tiny ruffles. Striped tuff silk shirts and many new cotton blouses.

We are featuring silk blouses at \$1.95, \$2.95 and \$4.95 and cotton blouses 95¢, \$1.45, \$2.45 and \$2.95 for Saturday.

UNTRIMMED CHAPES AT A SPECIAL PRICE

A sample line of shapes that we bought at a special price. Come and select these Milan hems in all the desired shades—Leghorn and hair shapes. The large airy kind that are so much in demand—broad brim sailors in great variety. A big shipment for tomorrow's selling at the special price—\$1.45.

Special Purchase and Sale of Beautiful Dress Hats \$9.95

A large eastern wholesaler sold us all his dress hats that were intended to retail at \$15, at a price which permits us to offer them tomorrow for \$9.95 for your choice. They are the newest Paris inspired models and are exquisitely beautiful. Large leghorns with transparent brims, trimmed in flowers and velvet ribbon. Hats of unusual personality that will give the note of distinction to the entire costume. On sale Saturday for.....\$9.95

Saturday--Children's Day

Many Unusual Specials For Saturday Selling

PIQUE HATS

For children up to 6 years of age. Pretty little hats with scalloped edge and trimmed with pink, blue and other color bands. Select from large assortments.....\$1.00

Saturday Special

CHILDREN'S HATS \$2.95.

Of straw, silk or head in putty, tan, brown, Copenhagen, navy, green and black; all new Spring models of the \$3.50 and \$3.95 grades; Saturday special.....\$2.95

BOYS AND GIRLS SHOULD TAKE

advantage of our Free Circulating Library—Boys' Dept.—2nd Floor.

DRESS SPECIAL, \$1.

Children's linen, voile, gingham and lingette dresses—some are slightly soiled—a few are of a former season. With very little alteration they may be converted into very favorable styles; sizes 2 to 14. Former prices \$1.50 up to \$5; to \$1.00 close out Saturday.....\$1.00

—No C. O. D.'s or Approvals—

New linen, self checked crepe, poplin, French gingham and Palm Beach dresses for girls—sizes 6 to 14—Popular.....\$5.00

Special.....

Dainty Parasols for little folks—all the favored colors.....25¢

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Saturday, Last Day of the Onyx Hosiery Sale



580 SP.—Women's "ONYX" Medium Light Weight Silk Lisle with Pointed Heel, "Dubl" Top, extra heavy Spliced Heel and Toe; Black, White and Tan. "ONYX" DAY PRICE 3 pairs for \$1.00

H 403.—Women's "ONYX" Medium Weight Silk Lisle, "Dubl" Top, High Spliced Heel and Double Sole; Black, White and Tan. "ONYX" DAY PRICE 3 pairs for \$1.00

6607.—Women's "ONYX" Pure Thread Silk Boot with Lisle "Dubl" Top; Reinforced Heel, Sole and Toe, Black, White and Tan. "ONYX" DAY PRICE 3 pairs for \$1.00

141.—Women's "ONYX" Pure Thread Silk; Medium Weight; Lisle Garter Top and Sole; Extra Double Heel and Toe; Black and White. "ONYX" DAY PRICE 50 cents per pair

Women's "ONYX" Pure Thread Silk; a Fine Medium Weight; "Dubl" Garter Top of Silk or Lisle; High Spliced Heel and Double Sole of Silk or Lisle; Black and White. "ONYX" DAY PRICE \$1.00 per pair

FOR MEN
E 325.—Men's "ONYX" Silk Lisle in Black only. "Double" Heel and Toe, Spliced Sole. Has no equal. "ONYX" DAY PRICE 3 pairs for \$1.00

EXTRA
Men's Onyx Silk Half Hose, with reinforced lisle heels and toes; black and colors.....28¢
Saturday.....
Onyx Fibre Silk Hose—20¢
Extra Special.....

1326.—Men's "ONYX" Finest Pure Silk Medium Weight; Reinforced Heel, Sole and Toe; Black and Colors. "ONYX" DAY PRICE \$1.00 per pair

ONYX SPECIAL
H 248.—Women's Black Lisle Hosiery with High Spliced Heels, Double Soles and Garter Tops; 35¢ quality.....25¢ per pair

EXTRA
Women's Sample Hose—Silk lisle and boot silk; black and colors; 50¢ values.....25¢

Pleased? Well, I Should Say So



Maybe it's because we take the boys into our confidence—study their preferences—try to please them as well as their mothers. Anyway, we make friends from the start, and that goes a long way in helping a boy choose the clothes that suit him and his mother best.

BOYS' SUITS—Summer weight wool suits with two pairs of full lined knickerbocker; desirable light shades—handsome patterns in grey, tan and brown; sizes 7 to 15 years; exceptional values at.....\$5.95

BOYS' HATS—Silk, straw, Panama and wash hats in all the new shapes; white and colors, 50¢ to.....\$5.00